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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-846/80) for

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals, Regulation (EEC) No. 3330/74 on the common organization of the market in sugar and Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff**
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2742/75 on production refunds in the cereals and rice sectors**
- III. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2744/75 on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and rice**

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By letter of 29 January 1981 the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

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The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

At its meeting of 16 and 17 February 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Sutra rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 16, 17 and 18 March 1981.

At the same meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement by 8 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Fanton, acting rapporteur; Mr Bocklet, Mr Clinton, Mr Cronin (deputizing for Mr Davern), Mr Curry, Mr De Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr Früh), Mr Gautier, Mr Hord, Mr Provan, Miss Quin and Mr Wettig.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets will be published separately.

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The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 833 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 1-848/81),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-71/81),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals to transfer maltodextrines, caramelized sugars and flavoured maltodextrine syrup which currently come under the market organization for sugar to that for cereals;
 2. Endorses the Commission's proposal to extend the production refunds now granted for maize groats used for brewing to maize 'grutten';
 3. Considers that the system of aid granted to the Community brewing industry should be reviewed in order to promote the use of Community products in the brewing of beer.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Maltodextrines, caramelized sugars and flavoured maltodextrine syrup produced in the Community, which currently come under the market organization for sugar, are not subject to any export or import arrangements as the price of sugar on the world market is at present higher than in the Community. This situation is harmful to the Community caramel industry.

2. Imports of caramelized sugar have increased as follows in recent years:

1977:	300 tonnes
1978:	1,500 tonnes
1979:	1,600 tonnes

3. As the above-mentioned products are largely derived from maize, it would be logical to transfer them to the common organization of the market in cereals, which would call for amendment of the Common Customs Tariff. Imports would then be subject to a levy and Community products could again compete with imports and qualify for export refunds.

4. The purpose of the Commission's proposal on maize 'grutten' is to permit its use in the brewing industry on the same terms as maize groats which qualify for a production refund.

For technical reasons, some breweries use maize flakes derived from 'grutten'. The Commission thus proposes to place breweries using maize groats and those using maize 'grutten' on an equal footing by extending the production refund for groats to 'grutten'.

5. The extension of production refunds to 'grutten' necessitates a change in the import levy arrangements for this product, which requires a change in the Common Customs Tariff.

6. The Committee on Agriculture approves the Commission's proposals, but points out that the system of aid now granted to the brewing industry should be reviewed in order to promote the use of Community products in the brewing of beer.